



Class of '87: We Show Up

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30th Reunion Committee

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Hey, Classy!

Spring is here: the buds are on the trees, the birds are back to make a mess on your car, and the blizzard season is over in Northfield. Maybe.

It's also the time of year when we've finally figured out what's going to happen at Reunion, and time for us to tease you with some of the details. And, more importantly, it's time for **you to register** for Reunion and make your travel plans, because we want you to join us. We really, really do. Really.

Reunion Events Teaser

We haven't finalized the whole schedule, but here are some of the highlights for that weekend. There will, of course, be various cross-class events (Saturday night dance, meals, talks, etc.), but these are the events that we have planned just for us. Because we're special.

Book club: We've selected a book by Kao Kalia Yang ('03) *The Latehomecomer*, which is a memoir about a Hmong family who immigrated to Minnesota. If you want to participate in the discussion, please get and read the book. There will be a blue-book test on Sunday.

Dance party at the Cave: on Friday night, we'll have some cabaret entertainment hosted by Joe Andrews, followed by Nate Land on solo guitar/vocals, then a set by Josh and the Ex-Senators (with many of the original members), and end with a dance party to an 80s mix.

Mini Ted talks: There will be presentations by some of you about the fascinating things you do in the real world. You know, like when you're not at a Reunion talking about stuff.

Arb Walk/Photo-shoot: We'll go for a stroll in the arb to see what we can see. For those of you that spent time in the Arb way back then, it's a chance to wallow in nostalgia and nature. For the rest of us, it's a chance to see the Arb for the first time, this time without trading it off for comps or finals studying.

Myers: Our class will be housed in Myers and the first-floor lounge will be our gathering place. We tried for Nourse, but our room draw numbers sucked.

Important links!

Registration (apps.carleton.edu/reunion/registration): Go sign up for Reunion! Now!

Facebook: There are about 250 of us on the class Facebook group - please join us if you're not there already. We'll post more info about Reunion to the group as we finalize the details, plus there are ongoing conversations in general, and an explicit No Posting Pictures of Your Meal* rule (actually, I just made that up, but I think it's a good rule to impose). You can find it [here](#) or search for "Carleton - Class of 1987" on Facebook site and ask to join. We'll let you in. Promise. Unless you're joining to post pictures of your meals. See above.

Carleton Reunion site (apps.carleton.edu/reunion): The college site hosts a **Bio Book**, a **Zoobook**, a **Who's Coming** list (showing who's signed up for Reunion so far), and other stuff about reunion in general and our 30th reunion in particular.

carleton87.org: We still have our old website for our class. There's not a lot there (all of the interactive stuff is posted to the Facebook group), but we'll post the salient details on the site for people that can't make it to the Facebook group.

Lastly, we know that everyone must have questions about Reunion, because it's an event so shrouded in mystery and excitement. So we've gone to great lengths to compile the following comprehensive FAQ that we're sure will satisfy your curiosity.

Totally Helpful Reunion FAQ (Fundamentally Annoying Questions)

When is Reunion again? June 15-18, 2017

Where is Reunion? Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 55057, USA, Earth, Milky Way

No, I meant where is Northfield? Go to Dundas and head West.

Okay, but where is Dundas? East of Northfield

Are you always this snarky? Only when the questions are this dumb.

Do you have a problem with me? Not if I can keep having the last word.

Can I bring kids to Reunion? Absolutely. Preferably they will be your own kids and not strangers.

What else is there to do Reunion weekend? Many, many things. Besides all of our class-specific events (only some of which are detailed above), there are many cross-class activities, talks to go to, meals, parties, and generally lots of time for hanging out with new and old friends. Also, there's Dundas.

Suppose you have two cars 100 miles apart that are traveling toward each other, each one at 60mph. A fly leaves the windshield of one car bound for the other. When would it arrive at the windshield of the other car? At the exact same time as it dies. Nature moves in mysterious and wonderful ways.

Which tunnels would you take to get from Watson to a class in Leighton? Trick question: the tunnels are closed, silly.

If you had to describe Reunion in one word, what would it be? Impossible.

Okay, how about two words? Nearly impossible

Geez, okay, I'll give you a sentence then. Greedy. Questions only, please.

Holy crap, what a hassle. Try: "Could you describe Reunion in a sentence?" Yes.

Argh! Okay, how would you ask it? Hey classics: if you could describe Reunion in one word (or two), what would it be? Post it to the Facebook group. Extra points for stuffy, English-major words, like "post-neo infantallic" or "Neato!"